

Chapter 19 Medicines and Drugs

Vocabulary Practice *(continued)*

II. Directions The words in the box appear in Chapter 19 and are part of the Academic Word List, which includes the 570 most common academic words used in academic texts. Read the definitions of the words and then use the words to fill in the blanks in the paragraphs below.

Word	Definition
compounds (19-2, p. 531)	substances formed from more than one ingredient
emergence (19-2, p. 533)	coming into being
interactions (19-2, p. 531)	mutual influences
licensed (19-2, p. 531)	authorized to engage in an occupation
periodically (19-1, p. 525)	occurring at regular intervals
potentially (19-1, p. 526)	existing in possibility
restore (19-1, p. 524)	to bring back
stabilize (19-1, p. 527)	to make steady
trend (19-2, p. 533)	general direction or tendency

Medicines are drugs used to treat or prevent diseases or other conditions. People use medicines to 1. _____ their health when they become ill. People also use medicines called vaccines to prevent diseases. Some vaccines, such as the vaccine for tetanus, must be given 2. _____. The most commonly used medicines are analgesics, including aspirin and acetaminophen. Children who take aspirin are at risk of developing Reye's syndrome, a(n) 3. _____ life-threatening illness of the brain and liver. Some medicines are used to manage chronic conditions. These medicines include antidepressants, which can help 4. _____ moods.

All medicines must meet standards set by the FDA. The FDA, however, does not regulate herbal and dietary supplements the same way that medicines are regulated. Supplements are not always safe. Even supplements made from natural 5. _____ can have harmful side effects. Supplements can also have harmful 6. _____, when their effects influence each other in harmful ways.

Medicines include prescription medicines and over-the-counter medicines. Prescription medicines are dispensed only with the written approval of a(n) 7. _____ physician or nurse practitioner. Intentionally taking medicines for nonmedical reasons is medicine abuse. One dangerous 8. _____ is the 9. _____ of "pill parties," where teens mix whatever medicines are available.